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Dear Mr. Gunderson and Mr. Rehder:

The purpose of this letter is to provide notification of a fiscal year 1999 Rocky Flats Cleanup Agreement (RFCA) milestone that has experienced recent schedule disruptions and may not be completed by the planning date originally set for early September. The milestone is M4: "Complete installation and operate remedial action described in decision document for Solar Pond plume (N. Walnut Creek) by 9/30/99."

Installation of the collection trench commenced July 14, 1999, with 11 panels. Forms were installed for the next pour for the Solar Ponds Plume treatment cell. Subsequently there was a work stoppage on July 19, 1999, due to fall protection issues. The contractor initiated a safety stand down to review safe work practices and ensure the project would proceed safely. As a result of this safety measure, the scheduled concrete pour was missed and the next available pour date was July 27, 1999.

Although excellent progress has been made to date on this activity, the lack of contingency in the project schedule and the current wet weather conditions may result in schedule slippage for project completion. Rocky Flats Field Office and Kaiser-Hill project managers are monitoring work progression on a daily basis and are keeping your staffs informed of any problems as they arise. Progress made during the next several weeks will be critical. If conditions warrant a request for an extension to the milestone, I will make this request to you by August 30, 1999. If you have any questions regarding this transmittal, please contact me at 303-966-5918.

Sincerely,

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